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SERVICE DATE - APRIL 30, 2002

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-104

TRAILER BRIDGE, INC.

v.

SEA STAR LINES, LLC

Decided: April 26, 2002

By complaint filed on July 1, 1999, Trailer Bridge, Inc. (Trailer Bridge or complainant) alleged that Sea Star Lines, LLC (Sea Star or defendant) had engaged in certain unreasonable practices in violation of 49 U.S.C. 13701(a)(1)(B). Specifically, Trailer Bridge asserted that Sea Star was providing transportation service between the U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico at rates that were noncompensatory in an effort to disrupt the trade, and that this activity was causing economic injury to Trailer Bridge. Sea Star filed an answer to the complaint on July 26, 1999, in which it denied these allegations.

The proceeding moved forward before the Board, but ultimately, complainant filed a motion on April 5, 2002, requesting that the Board dismiss, with prejudice, the complaint that it filed against Sea Star in this proceeding. Trailer Bridge states that, on or about March 26, 2002, the parties agreed to settle all claims and issues between them raised in this proceeding, and that they memorialized this settlement by duly executing a confidential settlement agreement and release. As such, complainant asks that the Board enter an order granting the relief sought.

Good cause exists to grant Trailer Bridge's request. Therefore, its complaint will be dismissed with prejudice, and this proceeding will be discontinued.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Trailer Bridge's complaint is dismissed with prejudice, and the proceeding is discontinued.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary